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SUBJECT: GORELIK-FAYRMARK TRIAL

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1. THE TRIAL OF MIKHAIL GORELIK CONCLUDED JULY 8. GORELIK RECEIVED THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR MANSLAUGHTER. THE TRIAL, ALTHOUGH ALLEGEDLY OPEN, WAS IN FACT CLOSED AT LEAST ON ITS THIRD DAY, AND FOR THOSE MEMBERS OF THE MOSCOVITE JEWISH COMMUNITY WHO WISHED TO ATTEND. VIKTOR FAYRMARK, WHOSE TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE JULY 9 AND 11, DID NOT, AS FAR AS OUR SOURCES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT, TESTIFY.
2. OUR SOURCES SAY THAT THE WEAKNESS OF THE CASE CAUSED THE PROSECUTION TO TAKE A NUMBER OF LIBERTIES WITH THE TESTIFYING WITNESSES. FOR INSTANCE, AFTER THREE MEDICAL EXPERTS HAD TESTIFIED THAT THE BLOW WHICH KILLED THE MAN COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF A FALL, THESE THREE WERE DISCHARGED AND A FOURTH EXPERT, KNOWN TO BE A KGB STOOGES, WAS PRODUCED WHO TESTIFIED THAT THE KILLING BLOW COULD WELL HAVE BEEN INFLICTED BY SOMEONE. SIMILARLY, THE EVIDENCE OF FOUR WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED THAT THEY HAD SEEN NO BLOWS EXCHANGED WAS NOT ADMITTED, WHILE THAT OF ONE MAN WHO SAID THAT HE COULD NOT BE SURE, WAS ALLOWED.

3. OUR SOURCES SAY THAT FAYRMARK WILL PROBABLY GET SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT HE WOULD EITHER BE RELEASED

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IMMEDIATELY (HE HAS BEEN IN DETENTION FOR SIX MONTHS) OR BY THE

END OF THE YEAR. OUR SOURCES ARE UNAWARE OF ANY "DEALS" THAT
FAYRMARK MAY HAVE MADE WITH THE PROSECUTION TO GET OFF LIGHTLY.
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